Corresponding period last year are given below :—

April—[illegible]	R.C.	[illegible]tion
1993-94	21,634.71	6,916.09
1994-95	23,490.58	7,482.06
%Growth Rate	8.3	8.3

[illegible]owth in Dollar Terms slowed down to 8.3% during April-July, 1994 from 12.6% during April, 1994 in the current year. Expoert growth has since picked up. However, as per the latest data available for April—October, 1994, exports have recorded an increase of about 14% over the corresponding period last year. Besides, exports during the month of October are estimated at US Dollars 2198 million which is higher than that during any month in the current financial year and is 26.9% higher compared to October, 1993.

Payment of Provident Fund

*80. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI:
SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount payable by the employers to Regional Provident Fund Commissioners in respect of the employers' contribution and its employees' contribution as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that some companies are not making the said payment even after the expiry of several months and that the RPFCs are not taking much interest to recover the amount from the employers;

(c) what is the number of such defaulters detected during the financial year 1993-94; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to streamline the flow of payment from the employers to the said account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The total E.P.F. dues including the employees' share of Provident Fund contribution payable by the employers as on 31-3-94 was 360.99 crores.

(b) In some cases, the companies have not made prompt payment of the Provident Fund contribution. In all such cases the PRFCs are taking necessary legal and penal action to recover the amount outstanding against the defaulting establishements.

(c) The number of proceedings under Sect. 7A of the EPF & MP Act, initiated for determining the amount due from the defaulting establishments during 1993-94 was 14,860.

(d) In addition to the legal and penal action the EPF Organisation has also launched a Central Action Plan with emphasis on recovery of the EPF dues as a key result area.

सुपर बाजार में आय और व्यय का अनुपात

678 **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनंदन जैन:** क्या **नागरिक, आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सुपर बाजार की आय और व्यय के अनुपात में अंतर प्रतिवर्ष बढ़ता जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1989-90 से तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस अवधि के दौरान सुपर बाजार के कार्यकरण में सुधार लाने और मितव्ययिता बरतने हेतु अनेक उपाय किये गये हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ङ) गत तीन वर्ष के दौरान इन उपायों के कार्यान्वयन हेतु कितनी अतिरिक्त धनराशि खर्च की गई ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री ए0 के0 एंटनी) (क) और (ख) जी, हां। एक विवरण संलग्न अनुपत्र पर दिया गया है, जिसमें वर्ष 1989–90 से 1992–93 तक सुपर बाजार के विभिन्न व्यय तथा बिक्री के प्रति उनकी प्रतिशतता और प्रचालन लाभ तथा अन्य आय के आंकड़े एवं बिक्री के प्रति उनकी प्रतिशतता दर्शाई गई है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट 172, अनुपत्र सं० 17]

(ग) से (ङ) सुपर बाजार ने अपने कार्य में सुधार लाने तथा उसे सुप्रवाही बनाने और अपनी लाभकारिता में सुधार लाने हेतु कई कदम उठाए है। इन उपायों में ये शामिल हैं नई भर्ती पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाना, विभिन्न बिक्री केन्द्रों की अवधिक समीक्षा करना, अलाभकारी शाखाओं को बन्द करना, विभिन्न गतिविधियों, जिनमें विक्रय और लेखा प्रणाली शामिल है का कंप्यूरीकरण करना, तथा लेखाओं का विकेन्द्रीकरण करना। सुपर बाजार की कार्यप्रणाली तथा कार्यकरण में सुधार लाने के लिए उठाए गए विभिन्न कदम एक चलती रहने वाली कार्यवाही है। विभिन्न उपायों को कार्यान्वित करने में व्यय की गई राशि की सूचना अलग से नहीं रखी जाती है और वह राशि अनुपत्र में दिए गए आंकड़ों में शामिल है।

Policy regarding payment to suppliers in Super Bazar

679. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Super Bazar, by general or special order, has permitted the suppliers to get payments against their bills earlier than the agreed period ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of suppliers responding thereto, with details thereof :

(c) the reasons for adopting such a policy;

(d) whether the suppliers are generally not getting the payments against their bills in agreed period of time ;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of suppliers who have represented against this late payment, with details of action taken thereon; and

(g) details regarding dates on which the supplies were made, on which the bills became due for payment and the actual date on which the payments were made to the suppliers and the names of the items supplied by them pertaining to the last six months ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) Super Bazar has reported that only in case where suppliers has volunteered to concede to additional trading discount to Super Bazar such facilities are provided.

(b) Super Bazar has reported that M/s Delhi Kanodia Oil Mills, M/s Dingra Distributors, M/s Smithcline Beecham, M/s Emaclayves and M/s Devi Dass Gopal Krishan have offered additional discount of 2% for advancement of few days to release their payments.

(c) This is normal trading practice wherein trading terms are modified if it suits the Store. Without disturbing normal payment sche-